

NATIONAL HOME FOR DISABLED VOLUNTEER SOLDIERS.

ANNUAL REPORT
OF
THE BOARD OF MANAGERS
OF THE
National Home for Disabled Volunteer Soldiers for the year 1873.

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To the honorable Senate and House of Representatives in Congress assembled :

In compliance with the eighth section of the act approved March 24, 1866, establishing a "National Asylum for Disabled Volunteer Soldiers," by subsequent act of Congress changed to the "National Home," the board of managers beg leave to make the following report, which, with the accompanying documents, will show the condition of the institution for the year 1873.

The board of managers congratulate themselves and Congress upon the efficient working of the institution under their charge. They have had now established and in action for some years four branches of the National Home, as has been heretofore reported—one at Dayton, Ohio, known as the Central Branch, one at Milwaukee, Wis., known as the Northwestern Branch, one near Augusta, Me., known as the Eastern Branch, and one near Hampton, Va., known as the Southern Branch. The design of the board in locating these several branches was, that the soldiers of the late war in the immediate vicinity of the Home shall be sent to that Home, thereby leaving them in close proximity to their friends and relatives, and also saving the cost of transportation. This, however, is not imperative. Frequently different diseases require different treatment and climatic influences, and the board of managers, therefore, allow transfer without regard to locality whenever required by well-behaved beneficiaries of the Home, especially if they can make a transfer from their own means, without cost to the Home, from one branch of the Home to another; and in case of apparent necessity, at the cost of the Home. This is frequently asked, from the Central Home to the Northwestern and Eastern, by those suffering under congestive fevers; and from the Eastern and Northwestern, by those troubled with pulmonary affections, to the Central and the Southern branches. While in

some cases, as the statistics show, the board may believe that the change will not have the benefit which the soldier supposes, yet, knowing the effect of the imagination upon disease, the board have deemed it best, for an economical management of the institution, to permit such changes of soldiers who, being disabled by wounds or suffering by disease, have a well-grounded belief that they can be benefited by a change from one Home to another.

The board of managers have so often given to Congress the location and the substantial differences and advantages of one branch of the Home, as compared with the others, and the history of their adaptability to the various State locations in which they are placed, that it would seem unnecessary to take the time of Congress in a reiteration of our former explanations, especially as no substantial changes have been made during the year.

The branch at Hampton was largely established for the benefit of colored soldiers; but, owing to the ameliorated climate and healthful effects of the sea-air of Chesapeake Bay and its tributaries, the board have found a large number of soldiers not colored asking for admission to the Hampton Home, and as yet the board have not been informed of the slightest jar or misunderstanding between the two races. They have messed together and mingled together as fellow-soldiers without an apparent thought of the distinctions of race or color. Indeed, having three branches to themselves, if the white soldiers chose to occupy them, they may be looked upon rather as intruders at Hampton.

The Eastern Branch, near Augusta, is progressing as a decided success so far as the discipline, health, comfort, and culture of its inmates are concerned. In order to afford employment for a portion of the soldiers at this Home, the board of managers have established a shoe-shop for the making of shoes, wherein about one-fourth of the beneficiaries, more or less, were steadily employed. As a financial measure this shoe business, as thus established, has not been a success; but in the pleasure, not to say profit, which it affords to the several inmates employed therein, in its effects upon the morals and discipline of the institution, it has, in the judgment of the board of managers, largely compensated for the outlay which was rendered imperative because of the great falling off of profits of the shoe business and the price of shoes of the character that are made at the Eastern Branch. The board take leave to report the farming-lands belonging to this branch as having been brought to a high state of productiveness.

The Northwestern Branch, under the command of General E. W. Hinks, is getting a popularity with the disabled soldiers hitherto unknown. It has been crowded to its capacity during the past winter, although the board of managers have an authoritative hope that a considerable portion of the beneficiaries will find employment during the summer.

The situation of the Home buildings attached to this branch is the finest in the country. The park is excelled by no one except it may be Central Park, New York. The farm is one of the best in the country, and is, the board believe, a source of profit to the institution. There are quite a number of minor manufactures carried at this Home which, while they have not proved themselves largely successes in the way of earning money for the support of the institution, yet thus far have shown no considerable loss, but, on the contrary, a gain.

The board come now to speak of the Central Branch, at Dayton; and although the name was given from its position rather than the number of its beneficiaries, yet it now well deserves the title, because of the large number of invalid soldiers who have repaired there to be kept in health and

comfort during the short time they may remain with us. At the Central Branch there are a large number of minor manufactures, such as cigars, harness, cabinet-ware, and other articles needed for the Home, manufactured and for sale; and these manufactures have been found to be a source of profit to the institution as well as healthy exercise both to the minds and bodies. This Home contains quite one-half of our inmates; it is crowded to its utmost capacity, and the board of managers are called upon each year to enlarge its buildings, so that those who desire may become beneficiaries thereof. Its grounds are very extensive, and they are so far beautified and stocked with domesticated birds, deer, and other animals that the place is rendered as attractive as a park.

The board of managers beg leave again to reiterate that which has been the burden of their reports, that the curse of the institution, as well as of the Army when the soldier and the officer were in the field, is the intemperate use of intoxicating liquors. The board would have substantially no difficulty whatever in governing the Home—nay, a quarter to a half of the expense would be avoided, if it were not for the bane of intoxicating liquors.

Quite a number of complaints have been made of the action of the local officers in regard to discharging men from the benefits of the institution. When any one of these complaints has ever been brought to the attention of the president of the board investigation has always been had, and it has been found that they have originated either in some fancied wrong done, or were the outcome of some distempered inmate's brain, and generally the direct result of infractions of discipline and of the rules of the institution, either because of having drank liquor to excess, or from a desire to obtain liquor and bring it in for the use of their comrades.

At the first blush the statement that a quarter to a half of the cost of the institution might be saved, were it not for the bane of intemperance, would seem exaggerated. But there are many soldiers who are, in truth and in fact, within the very meaning of the law, totally disabled from earning their own living, who would not be so were it not for the use of intoxicating liquors. Men have come to the institution, staid there for months, been able quite to earn their own living, and clearly to do so with the aid of their pensions, but who, when suffered to go abroad into the world, instantly entered the insane thirst for drink, and perhaps in the course of a few days are found naked, sick, and diseased in some pauper establishment, to be brought back only to be again cared for. The board of managers have been inclined to look upon intemperance as a disease of the soldier, contracted in the service in many cases, and so treat it, bearing with men who have it as long as possible, pardoning the infraction of the rules resulting because of it, giving light punishment when the infraction was not too outrageous, and doing everything rather than to discharge the soldier from the Home and allowing him to go abroad simply to be robbed or to rob himself of even his clothing in order to quench his burning desire for strong drink.

It is a problem of the greatest possible difficulty of solution, which has caused the board much anxiety and attention, and we know of no way of treating it other than that which we have followed.

The board take leave to call the attention of Congress to the fact that now, nine years after the war has closed, it would seem that the number of men requiring aid from such an institution as ours would have begun to diminish. But, contrary to that, we find the applications have been continually upon the increase, and increased accommodations are demanded of us almost as fast as they can be erected. Nor is there

a prospect that this demand upon our resources will for the present cease. Old wounds will break out afresh; families will be broken up; the father can no longer support the son; the son can no longer support the father, disabled in the war; the wife has died, and the husband is lonely and helpless; the mother has gone, and the son has no one to care for him—all which bring increasing numbers of deserving applicants to the doors of our institution, asking for our aid.

Thus far the fines, stoppages, and forfeitures which were dedicated by Congress to carry on this institution have proved sufficient. But that source of revenue, coming from a volunteer force disbanded nine years ago, will soon cease, and then the institution will have to apply to Congress for direct appropriations to sustain it. Therefore we respectfully ask the attention of members of Congress to these institutions in their respective localities, that they may be able to bear testimony as to their worthiness and their efficiency in doing the work for which they are intended, or to criticise wherein they have failed of the proper results. The board most cordially welcome the investigations of the members of Congress into this most noble charity and into its administration, ready to believe that in many things it could have been better done, but certainly that it has been honestly and faithfully administered according to our best judgment and knowledge.

The board append hereto copies of the journal of the several quarterly meetings during the year, and also an abstract of the accounts of the acting treasurer showing the cost of carrying on the institution.

All which is respectfully submitted.

BENJ. F. BUTLER,
President of the Board.

APPENDIX.

Proceedings of the Board of Managers of the National Asylum for Disabled Volunteer Soldiers.

WASHINGTON, D. C., *Wednesday, December 4, 1872.*

Board met at the office of the Surgeon-General, in Washington, D. C., this Wednesday, December 4, 1872, at 12 o'clock m.

President Butler in the chair.

No quorum being present, the board adjourned until to-morrow, (Thursday,) at 10 o'clock a. m.

LEWIS B. GUNCKEL,
Secretary.

SURGEON-GENERAL'S OFFICE,
Thursday, December 5.

Board met as per adjournment—but being still without a quorum, on motion, adjourned until to-morrow (Friday) at 10 o'clock a. m.

LEWIS B. GUNCKEL,
Secretary.

SURGEON-GENERAL'S OFFICE,
Friday, December 6.

Board met as per adjournment.

President Butler in the chair.

There were also present, President Grant, General Martindale, Governor Smyth, Dr. Wolcott, General Osborn, and Mr. Gunckel—a quorum.

The minutes of the last meeting were approved.

REPORTS.

Reports from the several governors, with accompanying papers, including returns, vouchers, estimates, &c., were received, and ordered on file.

Governor Smyth, from select committee appointed to visit Central Asylum and audit accounts of the treasurer, reported that said committee had performed said duty, and examined the accounts of Major J. B. Thomas, treasurer, from November 30, 1870, to November 30, 1871, and found the same correct, and supported by sufficient vouchers.

On motion, the report was approved.

GENERAL BUSINESS.

General Martindale offered the following, which, after some discussion, was adopted :

Resolved, That the practice of granting furloughs at the several asylums should be restricted to those inmates whose conduct has been good for the period of nine months previous to the furlough ; especially they should be refused to inmates addicted to intemperance, or who are under discipline for misconduct, or are doing service or labor as the condition of re-admission. If exceptional cases of the later classes arise, the applications shall not be granted without the approval of a manager.

Mr. Gunckel offered the following, which was adopted :

Resolved, That in all cases where soldiers come to the asylum, or are returned to it, for re-admission, on transportation given them by a manager, the same shall be charged to them, and paid for first out of their pensions, if they have any, and, if not, then by such labor or service as they can perform.

Governor Smyth offered the following resolution, which was agreed to :

Resolved, That the secretary be directed to procure, bound in one volume, the act establishing the national asylums, the by-laws, the reports to Congress, and all the proceedings of the board of managers since its organization, and furnish each branch of the asylum with two copies, and each manager with three copies. The work to be done at the printing-office and bindery of the Central Branch, at Dayton.

The acting treasurer made a statement as to the finances of the asylum ; upon consideration of which, the following resolution was adopted :

Resolved, That the treasurer be, and hereby is, authorized to sell, not exceeding sixty thousand dollars of any securities of the national asylum registered in the Treasury of the United States, and to sign transfers of the same.

The following preamble and resolution were offered and adopted :

Whereas the supply of funds received from settling the accounts of the accounting officers from which warrants are drawn in favor of the national asylum is so irregular and so uncertain, and so liable to be delayed and hindered by the necessary official action as to embarrass the carrying on of the financial business of the asylum : Therefore be it

Resolved, That, with the advice and consent of the standing committee on finance, duly made in writing to the treasurer of the national asylum, the treasurer is authorized to sell in parcels, not exceeding, in the aggregate, one hundred and fifty thousand dollars, of any securities registered in the Treasury of the United States, belonging to the national asylum, as the necessities of the asylum may require, at any time before the 4th day of March, A. D., 1873.

On motion of Mr. Gunckel, Governor Smyth, General Martindale, and General Osborn were appointed as standing committee on finance.

Sundry applications for money and effects of deceased soldiers were considered. Upon consideration, the following resolution, offered by General Martindale, was adopted :

Resolved, That the following additional rules and regulations are established, in relation to the effects of deceased inmates of the several asylums :

First. All pension-moneys and moneys received for labor performed by inmates at the several asylums, and clothing furnished to them as such inmates, do, at the death of such inmates, belong to the national asylum as the property thereof : provided in case where an inmate shall, at the time of his death, have a wife, child, or parent dependent upon him, his pension-moneys may be paid to them.

Secondly. In such exceptional case, the inmate may, in any form of will known to the law, bequeath such pension-money to such wife, child, or parent ; and if he leave no such will, such moneys may be paid to such dependent relative or relatives, by order of the board, on due proof being furnished relating thereto.

Thirdly. All other personal effects of such inmate, or the proceeds of the sale thereof, shall be delivered to his legal representative, appointed by competent civil authority, to be disposed of according to law.

At their request, General Martindale and Mr. Gunckel were excused from committee to visit and audit accounts at Eastern Asylum ; and the following visiting and auditing committees appointed :

Eastern Asylum—General Osborn and Judge Bond.

Central Asylum—Governor Smyth and Dr. Wolcott.

Northwestern Asylum—General Martindale and Mr. Gunckel.

Southern Asylum—General Cavender and Judge Bond.

The president made a statement as to the Northwestern and Southern Asylums, and recommended that General Hinks be ordered to Milwaukee, and General Woolley to Hampton.

After considerable discussion, it was

Resolved, That the said recommendations are approved, and the president is authorized to change the location of said officers, as also of the chaplains of the Eastern and Northwestern Asylums, if he shall find the same advisable.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS.

Governor Smyth offered the following resolution, which was adopted:

Resolved, That the Home Avenue Railroad Company be permitted, under the direction of the local manager, Mr. Gunckel, to lay their track upon the grounds of the Central Asylum, and construct suitable appendages thereto, and to maintain the same during the pleasure of the board, and that, when prepared, said company shall carry the freight and coal of the asylum at prices reasonable and equitable, and satisfactory to the board: *And provided*, That the road be operated within the asylum-grounds subject to such police regulations as the board of managers shall prescribe: *And provided further*, That within a reasonable period there be constructed and completed a good carriage-road from the city of Dayton to the asylum, open free to the public.

The president reported the result of his investigations as to the claim of Mrs. E. A. Russell, when the following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That there be paid Mrs. Russell, for loss of property by the fire at the Eastern Asylum, and in return for services rendered the asylum during and after said fire, the sum of six hundred dollars.

CENTRAL ASYLUM.

The board resumed consideration of question of purchase of woodland adjoining the Central Asylum; and the secretary read a special communication from Colonel Brown forwarding a proposition from Joseph Beechly, proposing to sell one hundred and one acres, at \$190 per acre, and strongly urging its acceptance by the board. After some consideration, the following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That the local manager be, and is hereby, authorized to accept said proposition, and purchase said land at price named.

The resignation of Capt. A. P. Woodruff, steward of the Central Asylum, on account of continued ill-health, was read, with indorsements of local manager and deputy governor thereon, and the resignation was accepted, and the following resolution, offered by General Martindale, adopted:

Whereas Captain Woodruff has faithfully discharged the duties of steward during the period of six years, and has thereon exhausted his remaining health: it is

Resolved, That he be retained at the asylum and provided with quarters and rations, for himself and wife, in consideration of such services as he may be able to render, until otherwise ordered by the board.

On motion of Mr. Gunckel, Capt. William Thompson, assistant steward, was appointed steward of Central Asylum.

A communication from Colonel Brown, as to the necessity of boiler-house and new bakery at Central Branch, was read and discussed. On motion, it was

Resolved, That the said buildings be authorized, and six thousand dollars appropriated therefor.

The memorial of George Nelson, asking remission of penalty, was read, and referred to deputy governor of Central Asylum for report and recommendation.

The communication of Brooks & Light was read, and payment of the boiler, already delivered, for heating-apparatus, delayed by non-completion of the new buildings, ordered.

NORTHWESTERN ASYLUM.

The communication of Messrs. Palmer, Hooper, and Pitkin, in behalf of Theodore Yates, late deputy governor at Milwaukee, on the 26th of September, 1872, and the reply thereto of the president, of October 6, 1872, having been laid before the board and fully considered, it was

Resolved, That this claim of fifteen hundred dollars for commissions and the payment under it on account, having, for the first time, been brought to the knowledge of the board, although Mr. Yates has ceased to be deputy governor, and has claimed to have settled his accounts more than two years ago; after full consideration, the claim is de-

clared wholly inadmissible, as being in direct contravention of article vii of the by-laws, which was well known to Mr. Yates; that the president be instructed to inform Messrs. Palmer, Hooper, and Pitkin of this resolution; and that the president be further authorized and directed to take such steps as he may deem expedient to recover the fifteen hundred dollars retained by Mr. Yates, as shown upon this account, to the use of the asylum, as money withheld by him without right and against law.

SOUTHERN ASYLUM.

A special communication from General Hinks, as to profits of farming at Southern Branch, was read; and, on motion, it was referred to select committee heretofore appointed to purchase additional land at said branch, who are hereby directed to suspend action as to said purchase until further order of the board.

Also a communication from General Hinks, as to construction of new sea-wall in front of asylum-buildings. On motion, laid on the table.

RE-ADMISSIONS.

The board then proceeded to consider applications for re-admission.

RE-ADMISSIONS TO CENTRAL ASYLUM.

The following soldiers, now temporarily at post, are, for sufficient reasons, re-admitted, unconditionally:

Donald MacDonald, late Company B, Fourth New York Cavalry.
 Michael O'Brien, late Company F, Forty-seventh Pennsylvania Volunteers.
 Daniel Chautemps, late Company G, Twenty-eighth Ohio Volunteers.
 Casper Semler, late Company B, Ninth Ohio Volunteers.
 Charles D. Loomis, late Company E, First Connecticut Heavy Artillery.
 James MacCarter, late Company C, Twenty-ninth Pennsylvania Volunteers.
 Charles Weber, late Company I, Twenty-third Kentucky Volunteers.
 William Rooney, late Company I, Twenty-second New York Volunteers.

And the following, on condition that he do such work or duty as the deputy governor shall direct, for the period of two months, without pay:

David B. Worley, late Company B, One hundred and eighty-first Ohio Volunteers.

And the following, on condition that they do such work or duty as the deputy governor shall direct, for the period of three months, without pay:

Frederick Schanz, late Company H, Seventy-fourth Pennsylvania Volunteers; James Thompson, late Company C, Ninety-eighth Ohio Volunteers; Charles Romeyn, late Company B, Fourteenth New York Cavalry; Jacob Hicks, late Company G, Fifth Ohio Cavalry; Edward Intlekofer, late Company K, One hundred and eighth Ohio Volunteers; John Heigle, late Company K, Fourth Ohio Cavalry; James Barber, late Company K, Eighth New Jersey Volunteers; Jacob Brown, late Company B, Third Pennsylvania Artillery; Peter Quinn, late Company B, Thirty-fifth Indiana Volunteers; Thomas Hughes, late Company H, Sixty-seventh Pennsylvania Volunteers.

And the following, on condition that they do such work or duty as the deputy governor shall direct, for the period of six months, without pay:

David W. Carr, late Company I, Fifth New Jersey Volunteers; Silas Pierce, late Company D, Thirty-first Pennsylvania Volunteers.

And the following, on condition that they do labor for such time as deputy governor shall deem right, without pay:

Howard Ramsbottom, late Company I, One hundred and thirteenth Ohio Volunteers; Allen Campbell, late Company G, Thirty-fifth New York Volunteers.

And the following, on condition that he assign, absolutely, to the National Asylum, one-half of his entire pension for the period of three months:

George Smith, late Company I, Forty-third New York Volunteers.

And the following, on condition that he assign, absolutely, to the National Asylum, one-half of his entire pension for the period of four months:

John Ferguson, late Company E, Fifty-fifth Ohio Volunteers.

And the following, on condition that he assign, absolutely, to the National Asylum, one-half of his entire pension for the period of six months:

John Brown, late Company D, Second Delaware Volunteers.

And the following, on condition that he assign, absolutely, to the National Asylum, two-thirds of his entire pension for the period of one year:

Henry Zimmerman, late Company I, Forty-second New York Volunteers.

RE-ADMISSIONS TO NORTHWESTERN ASYLUM.

The following soldiers, heretofore discharged, were, for sufficient reasons, re-admitted unconditionally:

William Simpson, late Company B, Nineteenth Veteran Reserve Corps ; John Lewis, late Company D, Ninetieth New York Volunteers ; John Kiley, late Company H, Fifth Michigan Cavalry ; Henry Elbrecht, late Company E, Eighty-fifth Illinois Volunteers. William Bender, late Company C, Fortieth Indiana Volunteers ; Joseph Art, late Company C, First United States Artillery.

And the following, on condition that they do such work or duty as the deputy governor shall direct, for the period of two months, without pay :

Adam Rausch, late Company F, Sixty-second New York Volunteers ; Michael Kelley, late Company I, One hundred and fifth New York Volunteers ; John B. Hogan, late Company A, First New York Cavalry ; James Hannipin, late Company G, Thirty-fifth Indiana Volunteers ; James C. Houstin, late Company G, Twenty-fifth Ohio Volunteers.

And the following, on condition that he do such work or duty as the deputy governor shall direct, for the period of three months, without pay :

William H. Kelley, late Company I, Thirty-third New Jersey Volunteers.

And the following, on condition that they do such work or duty as the deputy governor shall direct, for the period of six months, without pay :

James Jones, late Company G, Twenty-sixth Missouri Volunteers ; Henry Honer, late Company I, Third Missouri Volunteers ; John Clancy, late Company I, Fifth Minnesota Volunteers ; Thomas Clancy, late Company G, Fifth New York Heavy Artillery.

And the following, on condition that he do such work or duty as the deputy governor shall direct, until further order of the board, without pay :

James Morris, late Company A, Sixtieth Illinois Volunteers.

And the following, on condition that he assign, absolutely, to the National Asylum his entire pension, until further order of board :

Joseph Wreem, late Company M, Ninth New York Cavalry.

RE-ADMISSIONS TO EASTERN ASYLUM.

The following soldiers, heretofore discharged, were, for sufficient reasons, re-admitted unconditionally :

Benjamin Ryde, late Company D, Fifty-ninth Massachusetts Volunteers ; Frank Keegan, late Company B, Thirtieth Massachusetts Volunteers.

And the following, on condition that they do such work or duty as the deputy governor shall direct, for the period of six months, without pay ; or assign, absolutely, to the National Asylum, their entire pension for the period of six months :

Henry Melven, late United States Navy ; Peter Harrington, late Company F, Twenty-ninth Massachusetts Volunteers ; James Cassidy, late Company A, Seventy-sixth Pennsylvania Volunteers ; John La Marsh, late Company F, Third Vermont Volunteers ; George Rumley, late Company D, One hundred and thirty-second New York Volunteers ; Frederick M. Labrey, Second Delaware Volunteers ; William Loeffler, late Company F, Seventh New York Volunteers ; John Holt, late Company A, One hundred and seventy-sixth New York Volunteers.

And the following, on condition they do such labor or service as they are able to perform, while in the asylum, and until further order of the board, without pay :

Richard Thompson, late United States Navy ; Albert P. Peaks, late Company F, First Massachusetts Volunteers ; William M. Drake, Third Massachusetts Light Artillery ; Henry T. Wenger, late Company F, One hundred and twenty-eighth New York Volunteers.

And the following, on condition that he assign, absolutely, to the National Asylum, his pension :

Oliver W. Newton, late Company D, Fifteenth Massachusetts Volunteers.

And the following, for sufficient reasons appearing to the board, is refused re-admission :

Hugh Hamilton, late Company A, Twelfth Massachusetts Volunteers.

RE-ADMISSIONS TO SOUTHERN ASYLUM.

The following soldiers, heretofore discharged, were, for sufficient reasons, re-admitted unconditionally :

David Plunket, late Company E, Fifty-second Pennsylvania Volunteers ; John Elliot, late Company B, Second New York Cavalry ; Mack Morgan, late Company H, Third United States Colored Troops ; John Cummings, late Company H, One hundred and fifth New York Volunteers ; Joseph Benson, late Company F, Sixty-sixth New York Volunteers ; Edward Estell, late Company I, Third New Jersey Cavalry ; Patrick McDonald, late Company D, Thirty-fourth New Jersey Volunteers ; William Henrich, late Company C, Third New Hampshire Volunteers ; John F. Sloan, late Company A

Sixty-first New York Volunteers; J. Martin, late Company A, First Delaware Volunteers; Michael Haug, late Company K, Eighth Ohio Volunteers.

And the following, on condition that they do such work or duty as the deputy governor shall direct, for the period of two months, without pay:

Josiah Fora, late Company A, Ninetieth Pennsylvania Volunteers; John Britten, late One hundred and fifty-fifth New York Volunteers; George Hedrick, late Company B, One hundred and nineteenth New York Volunteers; William H. Elliot, late Company E, First Indiana Volunteers.

And the following, on condition that he do such work or duty as the deputy governor shall direct, for the period of three months, without pay:

William B. H. pkinson, late Company G, Twenty-seventh Michigan Volunteers.

And the following, on condition that they do such work or duty as the deputy governor shall direct, for the period of six months, without pay:

Henry MacDonald, late Company K, Sixty-ninth New York Volunteers; Isaac L. Davis, late Company I, One hundred and fifty-sixth New York Volunteers; Lewis Kreerser, late Company I, First New York Artillery.

And the following, on condition they repay out of pension or labor transportation, according to general rule on that subject:

Thomas Smith, late Company C, Second Maine Cavalry; L. B. Varney, late Company E, Fourth Maine Volunteers; Adolph Goetz, late Company I, First Missouri Cavalry; Dennis O'Connor, late Company G, Nineteenth Massachusetts Volunteers.

And the following, on condition that he assign, absolutely, to the National Asylum, his entire pension for the period of four months:

James MacDonnell, late Company C, One hundred and twenty-fourth Ohio Volunteers.

And the following, on condition that they assign, absolutely, to the National Asylum their entire pension for the period of six months:

Charles A. Turner, late Company I, Thirteenth Massachusetts Volunteers; Thomas Connolly, late Company A, Sixty-ninth New York Volunteers.

And the following, on condition that he assign, absolutely, to the National Asylum, his entire pension for the period of twelve months:

William Dooley, late Company D, Fifty-eighth Illinois Volunteers.

And the following, on condition that he assign, absolutely, to the National Asylum, two-thirds of his entire pension for the period of six months:

Willis Reson, late Company H, Second United States Infantry.

And the following, on condition that he assign, absolutely, to the National Asylum, one-half of his entire pension for the period of six months:

John Murray, late Company C, One hundred and fortieth New York Volunteers.

And the following, on condition that he assign, absolutely, to the National Asylum, \$4 per month of his pension for the period of six months:

Owen MacCauley, late Company D, Fourth United States Infantry.

And the following, on condition that he assign, absolutely, to the National Asylum, \$9 per month of his pension for the period of one year:

Patrick White, late Company A, Second New York Cavalry.

And the following, on condition he pay penalty heretofore imposed by the board, and two months additional:

Jacob Dutcher, late Seventh New York Artillery.

And the following, on condition he pay penalty heretofore imposed, and three months additional:

George Henrich, late Company D, One hundred and nineteenth New York Volunteers.

And the following are, for satisfactory reasons appearing to the board, refused re-admission:

Benjamin F. Fisher, late Company E, Fifth Pennsylvania Volunteers; W. R. Hawkins, late Company A, Fourteenth Maine Volunteers; Michael O'Connor, late Company B, Fourth United States Infantry; Lewis C. Tracy, late Company F, Ninety-fifth Pennsylvania Volunteers.

ESTIMATES AND APPROPRIATIONS.

The president then made his estimate of funds required for the purposes of the asylums for the quarter ending February 28, 1873, which were carefully considered, modified, and finally agreed upon, as follows:

Central Asylum:

For carrying on said branch, according to the estimate of the deputy governor..... \$56, 559 51

Eastern Asylum:

For carrying on said branch, according to the estimate of the deputy governor..... 26, 612 00

Northwestern Asylum :

For carrying on said branch, according to the estimate of the deputy governor..... \$24,690 00

Southern Asylum :

For carrying on said branch, according to the estimate of the deputy governor..... 11,116 80
 For official and incidental expenses, transportation, out-door relief, &c... 7,000 00
 For 101 acres of land ordered to be purchased at Central Asylum, at \$190 per acre..... 19,190 00
 For boiler, boiler-house, and new bakery, at Central Asylum..... 7,700 00

Total 152,868 31

After careful consideration of the said estimates the following preamble and resolution were adopted :

It appearing from the report of the president of the board, made pursuant to the by-laws, that he estimates the sum of one hundred and fifty-two thousand eight hundred and sixty-eight dollars and thirty-one cents as required to meet the current expenses of the four asylums for the ensuing quarter; and for construction and repairs, incidental expenses, out-door relief, &c., of the several asylums: Therefore be it

Resolved, That the sum of one hundred and fifty-two thousand eight hundred and sixty-eight dollars and thirty-one cents be, and is hereby, appropriated for such purposes of the asylum, and that Maj. Gen. Benjamin F. Butler be, and is hereby, authorized and empowered to make requisition on the Treasury Department of the United States therefor, and to receive and receipt for same in the name and behalf of the National Asylum for Disabled Volunteer Soldiers.

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS.

The letter of Rev. Father O'Brien, with indorsement of deputy governor of Eastern Asylum thereon, was considered, and action of General Tilton approved.

The petition of certain inmates of Central Asylum, asking additional pay for services of Catholic priests, was considered, and application refused, the same being against the settled policy of the board.

For sufficient reasons appearing, the penalties heretofore imposed upon George Shepard and Victor Mahler, of Southern Branch, are remitted.

Peter Morris, late Company G, Fifth Ohio Cavalry, is re-admitted unconditionally.

Charles Hopkins, late Company F, Ninth Michigan Cavalry, re-admitted to Central Asylum, on condition he pay his own transportation and perform such labor or service as he is able to perform, without pay, for nine months.

The memorial of David Kinny, of Central Asylum, received, and referred to president for report and recommendation.

The application of Wm. P. Snyder, New York Heavy Artillery, is, for sufficient reasons appearing to the board, refused.

Hugh Hamilton, late Company A, Twelfth Massachusetts Volunteers, on payment of his own transportation, will be re-admitted unconditionally.

John Sherlock, late Company B, Sixty-first Massachusetts Volunteers, will, on payment of his transportation, be transferred from Southern to Central Asylum.

Peter Harrington will be re-admitted to Eastern Asylum, on condition he labor without pay for one year.

Henry MacGowan, late Company F, Fourth New York Cavalry, and John Steinmetz, late Company D, Ninetieth Pennsylvania Volunteers, will be furnished transportation, and re-admitted to Central Asylum.

The memorial of David Dunn, late Company K, Eleventh Pennsylvania Volunteers, asking remission of penalty, with General Woolley's indorsement, was considered, and application refused.

John Warnecke, late Company C, Fifth West Virginia Cavalry, re-admitted—transportation to be sent, and charged, and paid by labor, together with such further service as the deputy governor shall deem proper and just.

Ernest Grupe, late Company G, Eighth New York Volunteers, will be re-admitted to Southern Branch, he paying his own transportation, all debts due the Northwestern Branch, and do such service, or forfeit one-half of his pension for six months.

John W. Miller, late Company D, Eighth New York Heavy Artillery, will be re-admitted, on condition he go back to Northwestern Branch, paying his own transportation, and performing penalty heretofore imposed by board.

There being no further business, the board then adjourned, to meet in Washington City on Tuesday, 4th day of March, 1873.

LEWIS B. GUNCKEL, *Secretary*.

Proceedings of the Board of Managers of the National Home for Disabled Volunteer Soldiers.

SURGEON-GENERAL'S OFFICE,
Washington, D. C., March 4, 1873.

Board met pursuant to adjournment, but for want of a quorum took a recess until to-morrow at 10 o'clock a. m.

LEWIS B. GUNCKEL,
Secretary.

WEDNESDAY, March 5, 1873—10 o'clock a. m.

Board met. President Butler in the chair. There were also present: General Martindale, Governor Smyth, Judge Bond, Mr. Jay Cooke, Dr. Wolcott, General Cavender, and Mr. Gunckel.

The minutes of the last meeting were approved.

Reports from the several branches were received, read, and ordered on file.

On motion, the board proceeded to ballot for officers for the ensuing year, and the following were elected:

President—General Benjamin F. Butler.

1st Vice-President—General J. H. Martindale.

2d Vice-President—Hon. Frederick Smyth.

Secretary—Lewis B. Gunckel.

The board then considered sundry applications for re-admission, with the result following:

RE-ADMISSIONS TO CENTRAL BRANCH.

The following soldiers, now temporarily at post, are, for sufficient reasons, re-admitted, unconditionally:

Thomas C. Webb, late Company H, Eighth Indiana Volunteers.

William Collins, late Company B, Thirty-third Ohio Volunteers.

Reuben McThomas, late Company C, Twenty-third Ohio Volunteers.

Barney Evers, late Company G, Sixteenth Michigan Volunteers.

George Carter, late Company H, One hundredth United States Colored Troops.

Thomas B. Kerr, late Company I, Fourteenth Ohio Volunteers.

Andrew J. Foster, late Company C, Fifty-first Indiana Volunteers.

And the following, on condition that they do such work or duty as the deputy governor shall direct, for the period of three months, without pay:

Louis Earnest, late Company B, Eighteenth Illinois Volunteers; John T. Thorp, late Company I, Thirtieth Massachusetts Volunteers.

And the following, on condition that they do such work or duty as they are able to perform, without pay, until the further order of the board:

Alfred J. Peck, late Company F, Fourth New York Artillery; William Fury, late Company K, Eighth New Jersey Volunteers; George Free, late Company A, Thirteenth Indiana Volunteers; William Gray, late Company I, Twenty-third Ohio Volunteers; Samuel Parker, late Company A, Eighteenth Ohio Volunteers.

And the following, on condition that they assign, absolutely, to the National Home, two-thirds of their entire pension for the period of three months:

Charles Von Wille, late Company E, Forty-first New York Volunteers; Ferdinand S. Larson, late Company G, Fortieth New York Volunteers; Matthew Walton, War of 1812; Thomas Nugent, late Company H, Twenty-seventh Indiana Volunteers; William W. Coleman, late Company G, Sixteenth Wisconsin Volunteers.

And the following, on condition that they assign, absolutely, to the National Home, two-thirds of their entire pension for the period of six months:

Solomon Dougherty, late Company I, Eighth Pennsylvania Reserves; James Weir, late Company K, One hundredth Pennsylvania Volunteers; James Martin, late Company D, Twenty-seventh Michigan Volunteers; Alonzo F. Stoughton, late Company C, Fifth Vermont Volunteers; Jeremiah Calden, late Company K, Fifth Ohio Volunteers.

And the following, on condition that they assign, absolutely, to the National Home, two thirds of their entire pension for the period of nine months:

Joseph Wilson, late Company A, Twenty-ninth Pennsylvania Volunteers; John B. Tracey, late Company M, Second New York Artillery; Charles Carr, late Company E, Twenty-sixth Pennsylvania Volunteers; Thomas Lynott, late Company C, Twentieth Kentucky Volunteers; John Ardner, late Company C, Forty-ninth Ohio Volunteers.

And the following, on condition that they assign, absolutely, to the National Home, two-thirds of their entire pension for the period of one year:

Peter Faren, late Company B, Fiftieth Pennsylvania Volunteers; Louis Diehl, late Company I, One hundred and thirteenth Ohio Volunteers.

RE-ADMISSION TO NORTHWESTERN BRANCH.

The following soldiers heretofore discharged were, for sufficient reasons, re-admitted unconditionally :

Clark S. Havens, late Company F, Twenty-sixth Indiana Volunteers; Horace Baterson, late Company I, Twenty-eighth Illinois Volunteers; Patrick C. Lanning, late Company I, Fifteenth Massachusetts Volunteers.

And the following, on condition that he do such work or duty as the deputy governor shall direct, for the period of two months, without pay :

Leander C. Kelly, late Company K, Fifty-second Ohio Volunteers.

And the following, on condition that they do such work or duty as they are able to perform, without pay, until further order of the board :

Mathias Schmidt, late Company B, Twelfth Illinois Cavalry; Philip Kinnen, late Company D, Tenth Tennessee Volunteers; Thomas Gayner, late Company K, Thirty-sixth New York Volunteers; John Otz, late Company G, One hundred and eighth Ohio Volunteers; William H. Lupkin, late Company I, Fifth Massachusetts Volunteers; Levi Clark, late Company C, Fourth Minnesota Volunteers; Michael McCarthy, late Company B, Fiftieth New York Volunteers; James L. Truean, late Company D, Twelfth Massachusetts Volunteers.

And the following, on condition that he do such work or duty as the deputy governor shall direct, for the period of six months, without pay :

William A. Dutcher, late Company K, Twelfth Iowa Volunteers.

And the following, on condition that he assign, absolutely, to the National Home, two-thirds of his entire pension for the period of one year :

William F. Triloff, late Company I, One hundred and fifth Ohio Volunteers.

And the following, on condition that he assign, absolutely, to the National Home, \$15 per month of his pension until further order of the board :

Robert H. Flavell, late Company F, Seventh Missouri Volunteers.

And the following, for sufficient reasons appearing to the board, are refused re-admission :

Adalbert Gentschell, late Company A, Twenty-ninth New York Volunteers; Thomas McGuire, late Company D, Twenty-first Illinois Volunteers.

RE-ADMISSIONS TO EASTERN BRANCH.

The following soldiers, heretofore discharged, were, for sufficient reasons, re-admitted unconditionally :

John Sherman, late Company A, Ninety-first New York Volunteers; John Kilery, late Company C, Eleventh Massachusetts Battery; Edward Graham, late Company B, Fifth New York Volunteers.

And the following, on condition that he do such work or duty as the deputy-governor shall direct, for the period of three months, without pay :

John W. Williams, late Company H, Second Kentucky Volunteers.

And the following, on condition that they do such work or duty as the deputy governor shall direct, until further orders of the board, without pay :

Oberon O. Stetson, late Company B, Thirty-second Maine Volunteers; Frederick Ficke, late Company E, One hundred and nineteenth New York Volunteers; Francis Schloegel, late Company B, Twenty-first New York Volunteers.

And the following, on condition that he assign, absolutely, to the National Home, two-thirds of his entire pension for the period of one year :

Robert E. Mason, late Company E, sixty-fifth New York Volunteers.

And the following, on condition that they assign, absolutely, to the National Home, two-thirds of their entire pension until further order of the board :

Thomas H. Henderson, late Fourteenth New York Heavy Artillery; Isaac Jacobson, late Company I, Third New York Heavy Artillery; Henry Paulie, late Company D, Fifteenth New York Heavy Artillery.

And the following, on condition that he send two-thirds of his pension to his family, and labor without pay, until further order of the board :

Peter Welsh, late Company C, Seventy-eighth New York Volunteers.

And the following, for sufficient reasons appearing to the board, is refused re-admission :

Adolph Tucks, late Company A, First New Jersey Volunteers.

RE-ADMISSIONS TO SOUTHERN BRANCH.

The following soldiers, heretofore discharged, were, for sufficient reasons, re-admitted unconditionally :

George O'Reilly, late Company C, Third New Jersey Volunteers; William Bennett, late Company B, First Texas Cavalry; Charles McLaughlin, late Company E, First New Jersey Volunteers; William Donaghy, late Company A, Twenty-third Pennsylvania

nia Volunteers; Daniel F. Banks, late Company C, Third New Jersey Volunteers; Arthur Hay, late Company A, Seventy-third New York Volunteers; Charles Hild, late Company A, Ninth New Jersey Volunteers; Timothy Foley, late Company G, Thirty-first New York Volunteers; Thomas Lynch, late Company C, Tenth District of Columbia Volunteers; William Murphy, late Company A, Eleventh New York Volunteers; James Fritzinger, late Company H, Sixty-first Pennsylvania Volunteers, with remission of penalty heretofore imposed.

And the following, on condition that they do such labor or duty as they are able, without pay, until further order of the board:

Philip Ritzert, late Company K, One hundredth New York Volunteers; Ferdinand Irwin, late Company H, Eleventh Ohio Volunteers; John Conover, late Company C, Eighty-second Pennsylvania Volunteers; Patrick Gleason, late Company H, Fifth New York Volunteers.

And the following, on condition that he assign, absolutely, to the National Home, \$10 per month of his pension, until further order of the board:

Alexander L. Flemming, late Company E, Sixth Pennsylvania Cavalry.

GENERAL BUSINESS.

A special communication from General Hinks, of Northwestern Branch, describing the methods oftentimes successfully practiced to evade the forfeiture of pension when ordered by the board, was read and considered; whereupon the following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That in all cases of application for re-admission where the beneficiary refuses to accept the conditions imposed by the board, his pension, to the amount of \$9 per month, be forfeited for the period during which he has been temporarily at the branch awaiting the action of the board of managers; and that in all cases where an inmate who has previously been expelled for cause withdraws his application for re-admission before action by the board, he be charged with the cost of his keep during the time he has actually remained at the branch, at the rate of \$9 per month.

The following resolution was offered and agreed to:

Resolved, That when a portion of the pension of a soldier applying for re-admission is forfeited to the Home, the remainder shall not be paid to him in money, but may, at the option of such soldier, be either sent to dependent family or used in the Home by purchase of clothing or such other articles as he may desire from the Home store.

The secretary read a communication from Mrs. B. Rouse, president, Miss Mary Clark Brayton, secretary, and Miss Ellen F. Terry, treasurer, of the Soldiers Aid Society of Northern Ohio—the Cleveland branch of the United States Sanitary Commission—proposing, in behalf of said society, to donate to the hospital of the Central Branch, at Dayton, a pleasure-carriage, with horses, harness, &c., for the use of the patients of said hospital upon certain conditions therein named. Whereupon

General Martindale offered the following resolution, which was adopted:

Resolved, That the communication of the ladies of the Cleveland Soldiers' Aid Society be respectfully and thankfully acknowledged; the carriage, horses, &c., proposed for the use of the patients of the hospital, and other sick soldiers, of the Central Home, gratefully accepted, and devoted to the beneficial service by them proposed; and the ladies assured that the horses will be well cared for, the carriage and harness kept in repair, and a competent inmate of the Home selected as driver; but that it would not be expedient to make an exception in regard to the control of the property, which, like all other at the National Homes, should be under the general supervision and authority of the governor.

Dr. Wolcott offered the following resolution:

Resolved, That article xxii of the by-laws be, and the same is hereby, repealed.

After some discussion the vote was taken, and declared to be unanimous; so the resolution was adopted, and article xxii of the by-laws repealed.

The president called the attention of the board to the act of Congress of January 23, 1873, donating 6,315 suits of clothing to the National Home for Disabled Volunteer Soldiers, and stated that he had drawn an order on the Quartermaster-General for the same, but that said officer could not fill the order with clothing of such quality and sizes as could be used by the inmates of the Homes, but offered to pay same with equivalents, which could be sold or exchanged for clothing suitable for the Homes.

Mr. Gunckel offered the following resolution for adoption:

Resolved, That so much of the clothing donated by the Government as can be worn by the inmates of the Homes be taken from the Quartermaster-General, and that the remainder be taken in equivalents, which shall be sold or exchanged for clothing of proper size and quality, such sale or exchange to be by public letting, which, before consummated, shall be reported to and approved by the board of managers.

After considerable discussion, Governor Smyth moved the following as a substitute for said resolution:

Resolved, That the board accept from the Quartermaster-General such articles, or their equivalents, as the National Home can use or dispose of to the best advantage of the institution.

Resolved, That such property as is received from the Quartermaster's Department, not used by the Home, shall be disposed of, either by exchange for other clothing that may be needed, or by sale; both or either of which are to be by public competition.

Governor Smyth's motion prevailed, and the substitute was then adopted.

On motion, General Butler, General Martindale, and Governor Smyth were appointed a committee to draw said clothing and dispose of same as per terms of said resolution.

The president called the attention of the board to the necessity of protecting the water front of the Southern Home, and presented plans and estimates, prepared by General A. A. Humphreys, of United States Engineers, for riprapping same.

After consideration, the president was authorized to advertise for bids for doing said work, and to report same to next meeting of the board.

The president read certain charges made against General Woolley, late of Northwestern Home, under which he had felt compelled to suspend him from duty as governor of Southern Home.

General Woolley was heard in defense.

On motion, the whole subject was referred to a select committee, composed of General Martindale, General Cavender, and Mr. Gunckel, authorized to go to Milwaukee and to investigate the matter, and report to the next meeting of the board.

ESTIMATES AND APPROPRIATIONS.

The president then made his estimate of funds required for the purposes of the Homes for the quarter ending May 31, 1873:

For Eastern Branch	\$29,465 00
For Central Branch	83,395 00
For Northwestern Branch	28,058 88
For Southern Branch	19,455 65
For construction of amusement-hall and workshops at Southern Branch..	3,500 00
For repair of insane-wards at Central Branch	500 00
Total	164,374 53

After careful consideration of the said estimates, the following preamble and resolution were adopted:

It appearing from the report of the president of the board, made pursuant to the by-laws, that he estimates the sum of one hundred and sixty-four thousand three hundred and seventy-four dollars and fifty-three cents as required to meet the current expenses of the four branches for the ensuing quarter, and for construction and repairs of the several branches: Therefore, be it

Resolved, That the sum of one hundred and sixty-four thousand three hundred and seventy-four dollars and fifty-three cents be, and is hereby, appropriated for such purposes of the Home, and that Maj. Gen. Benjamin F. Butler be, and is hereby, authorized and empowered to make requisition on the Treasury Department of the United States therefor, and to receive and receipt for same in the name and behalf of the National Home for Disabled Volunteer Soldiers.

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS.

The memorial of Geo. W. Scott, hospital-steward of Northwestern Home, asking for increase of pay, was read, but refused, as being inconsistent with the policy of the board as lately expressed.

The application of Robert A. March, late United States Army, disabled after the war by loss of left hand, by premature discharge of a cannon, while firing a salute at Boston, in honor of the President of the United States, for admission to Home, was read, but refused, because disability was not incurred in the service; but permission is given him to remain in the Home and attend Home-school, on condition he pay to the Home, while enjoying its advantages, the pension of \$18 per month which he receives from the Government.

The communication of Colonel Brown, indorsing recommendation of John Farrell, chief engineer of Central Home, for change in certain steam-engines at said Home, from high to low pressure, was read, and referred to local manager of Central Home for investigation and report.

The petition of Jeremiah Noonan, Company G, Thirty-first Maine Volunteers, asking remission of penalty heretofore imposed, was considered, and, on recommendation of the acting governor, the penalty, after 1st of April next, is remitted.

The applications of Ernest Grupe, Albert Genthal, Philip Kirman, and Mathias Smith,

of Northwestern Home, were considered, and, on recommendation of the late governor of said Home, admitted unconditionally.

The application for re-admission of W. H. Hopkins, of Southern Branch, was considered, and re-admitted on condition he do such labor or service as he is able to perform, without pay, until further order of the board.

The application of William Dooly, of Southern Branch, for remission of penalty, was heard, and, after consideration, it was ordered that one-half the penalty heretofore imposed be remitted.

On motion, the board then adjourned, to hold its next regular meeting in the city of Boston, on Thursday, July 10, at 9 o'clock a. m.

LEWIS B. GUNCKEL,
Secretary.

Proceedings of the board of managers of the National Home for Disabled Volunteer Soldiers.

REVERE HOUSE, BOSTON, MASS.,
Thursday, July 10, 1873.

Board met. Present: General Martindale, Governor Smyth, General Osborn, Judge Bond, Dr. Wolcott, and Mr. Gunckel—less than a quorum.

Adjourned until Saturday, July 12, then to meet at the Eastern Branch Home.

LEWIS B. GUNCKEL,
Secretary.

EASTERN BRANCH, NEAR AUGUSTA, MAINE,
Saturday, July 12, 1873.

Board met. Present: Same managers as on Friday—still less than a quorum.

After a thorough and careful inspection of the Home and its buildings and grounds, the board adjourned until Monday, July 14, at 3 o'clock p. m., then to meet at the Revere House, Boston.

LEWIS B. GUNCKEL,
Secretary.

REVERE HOUSE, BOSTON, MASS.,
Monday, July 14, 1873.

Board met. President BUTLER in the chair.

And also present the following managers: General Martindale, Governor Smyth, Judge Bond, Dr. Wolcott, General Osborn, and Mr. Gunckel—a quorum.

The minutes of the proceedings of the last meeting of the board were approved.

Quarterly reports and returns from the several Homes were received and ordered on file.

The board then proceeded to consider applications for re-admission:

RE-ADMISSIONS TO CENTRAL BRANCH.

The following soldiers, now temporarily at post, are, for sufficient reasons, re-admitted, unconditionally:

Joseph Schmidt, late Company M, Third Pennsylvania Cavalry; Hugh Wallace, late Company D, Twenty-fourth Missouri Volunteers; William Buckley, late Company C, Thirty-third New Jersey Volunteers; George W. Birk, late Company K, Sixty-sixth Ohio Volunteers; Edward Weinstock, late Company E, Seventh New York Volunteers; Gottlieb Woerthwein, late Company D, First Kentucky Volunteers; Samuel McGowan, late Company H, Ninety-ninth Pennsylvania Volunteers; John Graham, late Company B, Second Michigan Cavalry; Andrew J. Kendall, late Company I, Second Ohio Cavalry; Robert A. Smith, late Company B, First Louisiana Volunteers; Charles Bertrem, late Company F, Sixth Wisconsin Volunteers; John Strobel, late Company B, First Missouri Cavalry; Peter Houk, late Company K, Ninety-sixth Pennsylvania Volunteers; John McGonagle, late Company G, First New Jersey Cavalry; John Scott, late Company E, Twenty-ninth United States Colored Troops; Christian Kirm, late Company E, Thirty-second Indiana Volunteers; Edward Blake, late Company A, Twenty-sixth Ohio Volunteers; Jacob Evrich, late Company A, Ninth Ohio Cavalry; Robert J. McIlwain, late Company K, Eighth Pennsylvania Reserves; William Nally,

late Company E, Forty-first Ohio Volunteers; Oscar Nixdorf, late Battery E, Pennsylvania Independent Artillery; Charles Morgan, late Company K, Thirteenth New York Volunteers.

And the following, on condition that he do such work or duty as the deputy governor shall direct, for the period of two months, without pay.

Nelson F. Clark, late Company A, One hundred and fifty-third Ohio Volunteers.

And the following, on condition that they do such work or duty as the deputy governor shall direct, for the period of three months, without pay:

William L. Tatman, late Company E, Eighteenth Ohio Volunteers; Ferdinand Hartman, late Company B, One hundred and seventy-eighth New York Volunteers.

And the following, on condition that they do such work or duty as they are able to perform, without pay, until the further order of the board:

John Kopp, late Company K, Sixty-first Pennsylvania Volunteers; Peter Miller, late Company K, Seventy-second New York Volunteers.

And the following, on condition that they assign, absolutely, to the National Home, one-half of their entire pension for the period of two months:

John Krebs, late Company I, One hundred and eighth New York Volunteers; Robert F. Cones, late Company D, One hundred and forty-fifth New York Volunteers.

And the following, on condition that they assign, absolutely, to the National Home, one-half of their entire pension for the period of three months:

Joseph Zane, late Company G, Sixty-ninth Pennsylvania Volunteers; Frederick Berendsen, late Company F, Sixty-ninth New York Volunteers; Frederick C. Kitch, late Company D, Sixtieth Illinois Volunteers; Samuel Myers, late Company G, Third Michigan Cavalry.

And the following, on condition that they assign, absolutely, to the National Home, two-thirds of their entire pension for the period of six months:

Samuel McElhenny, late Company C, Ninety-ninth Pennsylvania Volunteers; Peter Phillips, late Company G, Fifth Ohio Cavalry; Charles Wilson, late Company F, Sixteenth Massachusetts Volunteers.

And the following, on condition that they assign, absolutely, to the National Home, two-thirds of their entire pension for the period of one year:

Henry S. Deery, late Company K, Fifth Wisconsin Volunteers; John B. Thompson, late Company H, Third Ohio Volunteers.

And the following, on condition he perform the penalty heretofore imposed, and, in addition, forfeit one-half of two months' pension to the National Home:

James Kelly, late Company K, Third New Jersey Volunteers.

And the following, on condition he perform six months' labor without pay, and agree in writing that the Treasurer shall send at least two-thirds of his pension to his family:

Michael Terry, late Company K, Seventy-second Ohio Volunteers.

The penalty heretofore imposed upon James Weir, late Company K, One hundredth Pennsylvania Volunteers, is, for good and sufficient reasons appearing to the board, remitted.

The application of Charles Carr, late Company E, Twenty-sixth Pennsylvania Volunteers, for remission of penalty heretofore imposed, is refused—no sufficient reason appearing for reversal or modification of the same.

RE-ADMISSIONS TO EASTERN BRANCH.

The following soldiers, heretofore discharged, were, for sufficient reasons, re-admitted unconditionally:

James Seymour, late Company G, Twenty-eighth Massachusetts Volunteers; Michael Murray, late Company I, Third Rhode Island Volunteers; Eben H. David, late Company H, Twenty-fourth Massachusetts Volunteers; Michael Braunan, late Ninth Massachusetts Volunteers; Leon Beauzment, late Company G, Eighth Vermont Volunteers; Samuel T. Woodman, late Company G, Sixth Maine Volunteers; Edward Ellis, late United States Navy; Dennis Sweeny, late Company G, Fortieth Massachusetts Volunteers; John S. Smith, late Company A, Seventeenth Massachusetts Volunteers; George W. Hope, late Company A, Sixth New York Cavalry; Bernard McCloskey, late Company F, Ninety-ninth Pennsylvania Volunteers.

And the following, on condition that he do such work or duty as the deputy governor shall direct, for the period of two months, without pay:

Thomas Dowdell, late Company B, Thirtieth Massachusetts Volunteers; Benjamin Williams, late Company D, Second Connecticut Volunteers; Bernard Berran, late Company K, One hundred and sixtieth New York Volunteers.

And the following, on condition that they assign, absolutely, to the National Home, one-half of their entire pension for the period of three months.

John Morrissey, late Company K, Thirty-seventh Massachusetts Volunteers; William Coveney, late Company D, Thirty-third Massachusetts Volunteers.

And the following, on condition that they assign, absolutely, to the National Home, two-thirds of their entire pension for the period of four months.

Joseph Devenesse, late Company F, Thirty-fourth New York Volunteers; John Ryan, late Company D, Sixteenth Massachusetts Volunteers.

And the following, on condition that they do such work or duty as the deputy governor shall direct, for the period of one year, without pay:

Samuel Shaw, late Company H, Thirty-sixth New York Volunteers; Edward Doyle, late Company I, Nineteenth Massachusetts Volunteers.

And the following, on condition that he assign, absolutely, to the National Home, three-fourths of his entire pension until further order of board:

John Stokes, late Company G, Twenty-eighth Massachusetts Volunteers.

On recommendation of the deputy governor, and for good and sufficient reasons appearing to the board, the penalties heretofore imposed on the following inmates are remitted, from and after this date:

Francis Sclougel, late Company B, Twenty-first New York Volunteers; Henry Paulie, late Company D, Fifteenth New York Artillery; Oberon O. Stetson, late Company B, Thirty-Second Maine Volunteers; Thomas H. Hendreken, late Company B, Fourteenth New York Artillery.

No sufficient reason appearing, the application of Wm. M. Drake, late Third Massachusetts Light Battery, for remission of penalty, is refused.

The application of Richard Galway for transportation to Ireland is refused.

The application for admission of James W. Robinson, late Seventh United States Infantry, is refused, as not included by terms of the law, but permission is given him to remain temporarily until he can make application to the Regular Army Home at Washington.

RE-ADMISSIONS TO NORTHWESTERN BRANCH.

The following soldiers, heretofore discharged, were, for sufficient reasons, re-admitted unconditionally:

Louis Schweigert, late Company C, Fourth Indiana Battery; William B. Maddock, late Company K, Sixteenth Illinois Cavalry; Abraham Carson, late Company K, Forty-second Pennsylvania Volunteers; Hulver Jergensen, late Company A, Fifteenth Wisconsin Volunteers.

And the following, on condition that they do such work or duty as the deputy governor shall direct, for the period of three months, without pay:

William Albeit, late Company D, First Maryland Light Artillery; Henry Spooner, late Company C, One hundred and twenty-fourth Ohio Volunteers.

And the following, on condition that they do such work or duty as the deputy governor shall direct, for the period of one year, without pay:

William Ransoh, late Company F, Ninth Wisconsin Volunteers; James Kenney, late Company G, Sixty-sixth New York Volunteers.

And the following, on condition that they assign, absolutely, to the National Home, one-half of their entire pension for the period of two months:

Frederick Haspell, late Company B, Thirty-ninth Illinois Volunteers; Michael Welsh, late Company H, Forty-seventh New York Volunteers.

And the following, on condition that they assign, absolutely, to the National Home, one-half of their entire pension for the period of six months:

Anthony Sullivan, late Company I, Eighteenth New York Volunteers; Frederick McMunn, late Company E, Eighty-first Pennsylvania Volunteers; James Logue, late Company K, One hundred and sixteenth Pennsylvania Volunteers; James Cromwell, late Company I, Eighty-sixth Illinois Volunteers.

And the following, on condition that they assign, absolutely, to the National Home, one-half of their entire pension for the period of one year:

John Hughes, late Company B, Sixteenth Indiana Volunteers; Fletcher Simons, late Company F, One hundred and seventeenth New York Volunteers; Cornelius Barry, late Company H, Fifty-eighth Illinois Volunteers.

For good and sufficient reasons appearing to the board, the penalty heretofore imposed on Joseph Wrenn, late Company M, Ninth New York Cavalry, is remitted from and after this date.

The application of Reason Willis, late Company H, Second United States Cavalry, and Thomas Connolly, late Company A, Sixty-ninth New York Volunteers, for remission of penalty, are refused—no sufficient reason appearing for remission or modification of the same.

The original applications for admission to the National Home of Jerome D. Converse, late Company G, Eighty-first New York Volunteers, injured on furlough and not in line of duty, and Jason Foster, late watchman in Quartermaster's Department, are refused—because not within the provisions of the law creating the Home.

RE-ADMISSIONS TO SOUTHERN BRANCH.

The following soldiers, heretofore discharged, were, for sufficient reasons, re-admitted unconditionally:

James McMichael, late Company H, Sixty-sixth New York Volunteers; Jesse B. Barry, late Company C, First New York Engineers; Maurice Fitzgerald, late Company I, One hundred and seventy-fifth New York Volunteers; James Anderson, late Company C, One hundred and thirteenth Illinois Volunteers; Louis Snyder, late Company F, Seventy-first Pennsylvania Volunteers.

And the following, on condition that they assign, absolutely, to the National Home, one-half of their entire pension for the period of two months:

Alexander Wilson, late Company H, Sixth New York Cavalry; Stephen G. Conk, late Company I, Eleventh New Jersey Volunteers; William Lewis, late Company A, Third Maine Volunteers.

And the following, on condition that they assign, absolutely, to the National Home, one-half of their entire pension for the period of three months:

Kane Mahoney, late Company D, One hundred and thirty-third New York Volunteers; Michael McDonnell, late Company G, Sixth Vermont Volunteers; Laomis B. Sanborn, late Company K, Twenty-fourth Massachusetts Volunteers.

And the following, on condition that they do such labor or duty as they are able, without pay, until further order of the board:

John Murphy, late Company B, Fourteenth New York Heavy Artillery; Peter J. Flanagan, late Company D, Battalion United States Engineers.

On recommendation of the deputy governor, and for sufficient reasons appearing to the board, the penalty heretofore imposed on the following is remitted from and after this date:

Patrick White, late Company A, Second New York Cavalry; Philip Ritzart, late Company K, One hundredth New York Volunteers.

The application of the following for remission of penalty is refused—no sufficient reason appearing for change of same:

Josiah Ford, late Company F, Ninetieth Pennsylvania Volunteers.

The board then took a recess until to-morrow morning at 9 o'clock.

LEWIS B. GUNCKEL,

Secretary.

TUESDAY MORNING, July 15, 1873.

Board met at 9 o'clock. Present—same managers as on yesterday.

The board then proceeded to consider:

GENERAL BUSINESS.

The following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That it is expedient that an officer doing duty as a secretary should be provided at each branch, either specially charged with that duty or detailed to that duty in addition to other duties, as the board may see fit. And the attention of such officer is called to the fourteenth section of the by-laws and the requirements thereof, and that his books, papers, and vouchers must be kept in strict accordance therewith; and for so doing, the officer charged with that duty will be held directly responsible to the board. And it is made the duty of the governor of each institution to see to it that the secretary is provided with necessary offices, blanks, stationery, and clerical assistance for the proper discharge of his duties.

The following resolution was offered and unanimously adopted:

Resolved, That the president appoint a local committee of two managers for each Home, who shall have the special superintendence of the Home to which they were appointed; and that hereafter no building shall be erected, changed, or repaired, when the repair exceeds \$150 in cost, and no avenue or road made or changed, and no horses, stock, furniture, or other articles purchased, except such as have been specially authorized or appropriated for by the board or are absolutely necessary for the sustenance, health, and comfort of the inmates, without the written consent and approval of such local committee.

The president, in pursuance of the provisions of said resolution, appointed the following local committees:

Northwestern—Doctor Wolcott and General Osborn.

Central—Mr. Gunckel and General Martindale.

Southern—Judge Bond and Mr. Jay Cooke.

Eastern—Governor Smyth and General Butler.

The acting treasurer made a statement as to the condition of the finances of the Home, and his ability to meet the requirements of the next quarter; whereupon the following preamble and resolution were adopted:

Whereas the supply of funds received from settling the accounts of the accounting officers, from which warrants are drawn in favor of the National Home for Disabled Volunteer Soldiers, is so irregular and so uncertain, and so liable to be delayed and

hindered, by the necessary fiscal action, as to embarrass the carrying on the financial business of the Home: Therefore, be it

Resolved, That, by and with the advice and consent of the standing committee on finance, duly made in writing to the treasurer of the National Home, the treasurer is authorized to sell in parcels, not exceeding in the aggregate \$100,000, of any securities registered in the Treasury of the United States belonging to the National Home, as the necessities of the Home may require.

CENTRAL BRANCH.

The secretary read a communication from Colonel Browe, in reference to certain furniture by him purchased for the governor's residence of the Central Home.

General Martindale offered the following resolution, which was adopted:

Resolved, That the furniture mentioned in the communication of Col. E. F. Brown be purchased by the Home, for the use of the headquarters at Dayton, and the bills therefor be approved and paid.

The president presented the resignation of Dr. S. K. Towle, of the Central Branch; and, on motion, the same was accepted, to take effect on the 15th July, 1873.

At his request, and on recommendation of the president, Surgeon McDermont was transferred from the Southern to Central Branch.

NORTHWESTERN BRANCH.

The board then proceeded to consider matters special to the Northwestern Branch.

A special report from General Hinks, the deputy governor of said branch, was read, and, after a full discussion of its recommendation, it was

Resolved, That Maj. J. T. Herriek, acting treasurer of said branch, be relieved, and General E. W. Hinks appointed acting treasurer, who shall give the usual bond as such treasurer, and perform the duties thereof, in addition to those of deputy governor, and without extra compensation.

On motion, Capt. W. H. Lough, secretary of the Central Home, was transferred to the Northwestern and made secretary of said branch.

The president presented the defense of Col. John Cassell to the report of the auditing committee of the Northwestern Branch, upon certain suspended vouchers of said Cassel, late treasurer of said branch.

After consideration, voucher No. 3, for \$251.20, was allowed, and voucher No. 13, for \$250, disallowed, and voucher No. 14, for \$295, disallowed.

EASTERN BRANCH.

The board made a careful examination into working and business of the shoe-manufactory, and heard statements from the deputy governor, selling-agent, superintendent of the shop, and others having practical knowledge of the business, and, after a long discussion, adopted the following resolution offered by General Butler:

Resolved, That in consideration that the business of carrying on the shoe-shop at the Eastern Branch, in the present depressed state of that industry, is not likely to be made a financial success; but the necessity for the continuance of employment, especially in the winter months, to the soldiers at the Home seems apparent to the board, it is determined that the manufacture shall, notwithstanding, be continued for that reason, but subject to the following limitations and conditions:

1. That every soldier who shall work for wages shall sign an agreement that he will remain at the work, health permitting, during the current manufacturing season for which he is engaged, and that one-half of the amount which he shall earn shall be retained by the shop as guarantee for the performance of this condition.

2. That the kit of tools used by each employé shall be his own private property, and paid for from his wages, and kept good out of the same, and when he leaves the shop he shall be at liberty to take them with him, or sell them at pleasure.

3. That it shall be in the power of the superintendent to deduct from the wages of any employé the price of any stock or material or tool negligently wasted or destroyed by him, subject to an appeal on a question of liability to the deputy governor; this provision being found necessary because of the carelessness and negligence of some men who are employed in the shop.

4. That any beneficiary of either of the other branches of the Home who shall desire to work in the shop and be transferred to the Eastern Branch for that purpose, who will pay his own transportation, and either from his pension or earnings shall acquire a sufficient sum to pay for his kit of tools in the business in which he seeks employment, shall be transferred at his own request to the Eastern Branch for such employment, which he shall receive under the conditions herein stated.

5. That it shall be the duty of the deputy governor to employ the well-behaved,

sober, and industrious beneficiaries of the Home, in preference, as the business is carried on solely for the good soldiers.

6. That as this business is carried on not for the profit of the institution, the wages shall be fixed at such sum as, with reasonable diligence, superintendence, and supervision, shall save the Home from any considerable loss.

Resolved, That the local committee at the Eastern Branch are authorized to introduce at that branch such other industries as will afford, in their judgment, proper employment to the beneficiaries of the Home; provided, in the judgment of the committee, they may be prosecuted without loss, and subject to the final approval of the board.

On motion, Surgeon Wright was transferred from the Eastern to the Southern Branch, and detailed as acting secretary of the Southern, in addition to his duties as surgeon of said branch—but with no increase of salary.

On recommendation of the president, Dr. S. W. Wilson, of Racine, Wis., was appointed as acting surgeon of the Eastern.

On motion, the president of the board was directed to ask a special report from the deputy governor of the Eastern Branch as to the stock and farming operations at said branch: said report to be made before the next meeting of the board.

ESTIMATES AND APPROPRIATIONS.

The president then made his estimate of funds required for the purposes of the Homes for the quarter ending August 31, 1873:

For Central Branch.....	\$66,185 37
For construction of new kitchen and officers' quarters at said branch.....	6,500 00
For Eastern Branch.....	30,000 00
For Northwestern Branch.....	25,454 70
For Southern Branch.....	19,107 15
For repair of buildings injured by the late storm at said branch.....	1,500 00
For incidental expenses and out-door relief.....	6,000 00
Total.....	154,747 22

After careful consideration of the said estimates, the following preamble and resolution were adopted:

It appearing from the report of the president of the board, made pursuant to the by-laws, that he estimates the sum of \$154,747.22 as required to meet the current expenses of the four branches for the ensuing quarter, and for construction and repairs of the several branches: Therefore, be it

Resolved, That the sum of \$154,747.22 be, and is hereby, appropriated for such purposes of the Home, and that Major-General Benjamin F. Butler be, and is hereby, authorized and empowered to make requisition on the Treasury Department of the United States therefor, and to receive and receipt for same in the name and behalf of the National Home for Disabled Volunteer Soldiers.

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS.

The president reported bids received for riprapping sea-shore of the Southern Branch, and after some consideration of the same, on motion of Governor Smyth, the further consideration of the same was postponed until the next meeting of the board held at said branch.

On nomination of the local manager, Captain R. E. Fleming was appointed acting secretary of the Central Branch.

The following resolution was offered and unanimously adopted:

Resolved, That the hearty thanks of the managers of the National Home for Disabled Volunteer Soldiers be, and are hereby, returned to the officers of the Concord Railroad, the Boston, Lowell, and Nashua Railroads, the Eastern and Maine Central Railroads, for a special car afforded us, and other courtesies extended, on our trip from Boston to New Hampshire and Maine.

The application of Mrs. Kate Coll, for the pension-money of her deceased husband, Edward Coll, late of Central Home, is approved, and the treasurer directed to pay same.

The application of Miss Jane Tierman, for money and effects of her brother, Peter Tierman, late of Southern Home, is refused.

The application of Mrs. Frances Den, for money and effects of her husband, Alexander Den, late of Central Home, is approved, and treasurer directed to pay over same.

There being no further business, the board on motion adjourned, to hold its next regular meeting at the Dayton Home, on Monday, September 23, 1873, at 10 o'clock a. m.

LEWIS B. GUNCKEL, *Secretary*.

Proceedings of the Board of Managers of the National Home for Disabled Volunteer Soldiers.

CENTRAL BRANCH.

Dayton, Ohio, September 2, 1873.

Board met on this, Monday, September 22, 1873, at 10 o'clock a. m.

Present: General Butler, General Martindale, Governor Smyth, General Osborn, Dr. Wolcott, and Mr. Gunckel—less than a quorum.

The secretary was instructed to telegraph for absent members, and in mean time the managers proceeded to an inspection of the men, and of the grounds and buildings of the Central Home, and after that, adjourned to the Northwestern Branch, there to meet on Thursday morning next.

LEWIS B. GUNCKEL, *Secretary.*

NORTHWESTERN BRANCH, NEAR MILWAUKEE, WIS.

Thursday, September 25, 1873.

Board met this morning, at 10 o'clock, at Northwestern Branch; President Butler in the chair.

Present: Same managers as at Dayton, and General Cavender—a quorum.

The minutes of the last meeting of the board were approved.

Quarterly reports, from the several branches, were received and ordered on file.

EASTERN BRANCH.

The president presented the resignation of Chaplain Ludwick, transferred from Northwestern to Eastern Branch.

On motion, it was accepted, and, after some discussion, the following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That the acceptance of the resignation of Chaplain Ludwick, assigned to the Eastern Branch, having left a vacancy there, the deputy governor is empowered, until further order of the board, to employ such religious teachers to conduct services at the chapel on the Sabbath as he may select, and pay for them, not exceeding \$10 a Sunday for their services, or not exceeding \$5 in case they come specially at a funeral; the persons so selected to provide their own transportation in case the governor does not give them gratis, without charge on the part of the Home, or without claim on their part, transportation to and from the Home. The deputy governor is directed to report to the next meeting of the board the result of supplying religious service in this manner.

The president then presented and read the special report of General Tilton, of the Eastern Home, in answer to inquiries authorized at the last meeting of the board, in relation to the stock and farming operations at said branch.

After some discussion, the report was, on motion, referred to the local committee of said branch.

The board then proceeded to consider applications for re-admission:

RE-ADMISSIONS TO CENTRAL BRANCH.

The following soldiers, now temporarily at post, are, for sufficient reasons, re-admitted, unconditionally:

Thomas Nichols, late Company E, One hundred and eighty-seventh Pennsylvania Volunteers; John Grenauer, late Company H, One hundred and forty-ninth Pennsylvania Volunteers; Patrick Hunt, late Company I, Seventy-fourth Ohio Volunteers; Edward Conlon, late Company H, Fifty-first New York Volunteers; Charles Lapp, late Company B, Fifth Ohio Volunteers; Thomas Carroll, late Company I, Seventy-fourth Ohio Volunteers; Charles Reidy, late Company C, Twenty-second Michigan Volunteers; George Perkins, late Company G, Second Kentucky Volunteers; Joseph Obermeyer, late Company E, First Missouri Cavalry; Henry Koerner, late Company A, One hundred and third New York Volunteers; John Wann, late Company L, Sixth Indiana Cavalry; Charles Meisner, late Company C, Seventh New York Volunteers; Casper Geist, late Company A, Second Michigan Volunteers.

And the following, on condition that they do such work or duty as the deputy governor shall direct, for the period of three months, without pay:

Francis D. Landenberger, late Company B, Sixth Pennsylvania Volunteers; Jonathan Vannote, late Company G, Fifteenth Indiana Volunteers; Robert Burton, late Company I, Thirty-first New York Volunteers; John Geary, late Company A, Fourteenth New York Cavalry.

And the following, on condition that they do such work or duty as the deputy governor shall direct, for the period of six months, without pay :

Martin Link, late Company I, First Louisiana Cavalry ; William McDermott, late Company C, Forty-fourth Indiana Volunteers.

And the following, on condition that he do such work or duty as the deputy governor shall direct, for the period of nine months, without pay :

George La Barre, late Company B, Eighty-third Ohio Volunteers.

And the following, on condition that he assign, absolutely, to the National Home, one-third of his entire pension for the period of three months :

John E. Kenny, late Company A, First New York Engineers.

And the following, on condition that they assign, absolutely, to the National Home, one-third of their entire pension for the period of six months :

William Brannigan, late Company H, Seventieth New York Volunteers ; Peter Quinn, late Company E, First Louisiana Cavalry ; Peter McCormick, late Company H, Twenty-eighth Kentucky Volunteers.

And the following, on condition that they assign, absolutely, to the National Home, two-thirds of their entire pension for the period of six months :

Henry Wilson, late Company D, First Missouri Light Artillery ; James F. Linthurst, late Company B, Twelfth Pennsylvania Reserves.

And the following, on condition that he assign, absolutely, to the National Home, one-half of his entire pension for the period of six months :

John Deiss, late Company I, Fortieth Pennsylvania Volunteers.

And the following, on the condition that he assign, absolutely, to the National Home, two-thirds of his entire pension while in the Home :

George W. Bouseman, late Company D, Fifth United States Cavalry.

And the following, on condition that he assign, absolutely, to the National Home, two-thirds of his entire pension, until further order of board :

M. L. Temperman, late Company A, Sixth New York Volunteers.

RE-ADMISSIONS TO EASTERN BRANCH.

The following soldiers, heretofore discharged, were, for sufficient reasons, re-admitted unconditionally :

Michael Gorman, late Company H, Twenty-eighth Massachusetts Volunteers ; Robert Phillips, late Sixth Massachusetts Light Artillery ; William Baird, late Sixth Pennsylvania Light Artillery ; Michael Dolan, late Company I, Third Massachusetts Cavalry ; William Heald, late Company K, Third Maine Volunteers ; Michael Beatty, late Company C, One hundred and forty-ninth New York Volunteers ; Langdon Sheriff, late Company A, First Massachusetts Volunteers.

And the following, on condition that they do such work or duty as the deputy governor shall direct, for the period of three months, without pay :

Thomas Jones, late Company C, Second New Hampshire Volunteers ; George N. Barber, late Company E, Third New York Volunteers ; John Narey, late Company D, Second Massachusetts Cavalry.

And the following, on condition that he do such work or duty as the deputy governor shall direct, for the period of six months, without pay :

Jacob Duchenes, late Company C, Seventieth New York Volunteers.

And the following, on condition that they assign, absolutely, to the National Home, two-thirds of their entire pension for the period of three months :

Peter Cavanagh, late Company D, Ninth New York Volunteers ; John Callahan, late Company D, Eleventh Massachusetts Volunteers.

And the following, on condition that he assign, absolutely, to the National Home, two-thirds of his entire pension for the period of six months :

John G. Cobb, late Company H, Seventy-first New York Volunteers.

And the following, on condition that he assign, absolutely, to the National Home, two-thirds of his entire pension while in the Home :

Elias B. Ellis, late Company E, Fifteenth Massachusetts Volunteers.

RE-ADMISSIONS TO NORTHWESTERN BRANCH.

The following soldier, heretofore discharged, was, for sufficient reasons, re-admitted unconditionally :

Asco Eupe, late Company C, Twelfth Pennsylvania Cavalry.

And the following, on condition that he assign, absolutely, to the National Home, two-thirds of his entire pension until further orders of board :

Edward Legar, late Company K, Twenty-second New York Volunteers.

And the following, on condition that they assign, absolutely, to the National Home, \$3 pension, per month, until further order of the board :

Charles J. Walden, late Company D, Forty-ninth Illinois Volunteers ; Michael Mc-

Quinney, late Company I, Tenth Ohio Cavalry; John W. Dunn, late Company K, Third Wisconsin Volunteers.

And the following, on condition that they assign, absolutely, to the National Home, \$15 pension, per month, and labor without pay until further order of board:

Michael McDermott, late Company F, Twenty-ninth Pennsylvania Volunteers; Henry Post, late Company K, One hundred and fourth Illinois Volunteers; Thomas Harrison, late Company —, One hundred and eleventh Pennsylvania Volunteers; James Young, late Company A, One hundred and seventieth New York Volunteers.

And the following, on condition that they assign, absolutely, to the National Home, \$3 pension, per month, and labor without pay until further order of board:

John Bernhart, late Company K, Fourteenth New York Volunteers; Thomas P. McDonald, late United States Navy.

And the following, on condition that they do such work or duty as the deputy governor shall direct, without pay, until further order of board:

Patrick Sheridan, late Company A, Fifth Wisconsin Volunteers; John L. Taylor, late Company D, Second Ohio Cavalry; William Clinton, late Company F, One hundred and thirty-third New York Volunteers; John H. Justice, late Thirty-third New York Volunteers.

RE-ADMISSIONS TO SOUTHERN BRANCH.

The following soldiers, heretofore discharged, were, for sufficient reasons, re-admitted unconditionally:

John Martin, late Company E, Thirty-first New York Volunteers; George D. Toohig, late Ninetieth New York Volunteers.

And the following, on condition that they do such work or duty as the deputy governor shall direct, for the period of six months, without pay:

John Elliott, late Company B, Second New York Cavalry; M. A. Curran, late first lieutenant First New York Volunteers, (Mexican war.)

And the following, on condition that they do such work or duty as the deputy governor shall direct, for the period of nine months, without pay:

Harrison W. Jones, late Company B, One hundred and eighty-third Pennsylvania Volunteers; William Campbell, late Company A, One hundred and ninety-second Pennsylvania Volunteers.

And the following, on condition that they do such work or duty as the deputy governor shall direct, until further orders of board:

Hezekiah Langley, late Company F, Sixth Maryland Volunteers; E. B. Fairbanks, late Company B, Twenty-fifth Massachusetts Volunteers.

And the following, on condition that he assign, absolutely, to the National Home, two-thirds of his entire pension while in Home:

Michael Sullivan, late Company B, Fourth United States Artillery.

GENERAL BUSINESS.

General Martindale offered the following resolution, which, after consideration, was adopted:

Resolved, That Colonel E. F. Brown, deputy governor of the Central Branch, at Dayton, be promoted to the rank of governor, with the pay and emoluments prescribed therefor; and that he be assigned to command of the Central Branch.

ESTIMATES AND APPROPRIATIONS.

The president then made his estimate of funds required for the purposes of the Homes for the quarter ending November 30, 1873:

For Eastern Branch, current expenses and repairs.....	\$25,090 00
For Northwestern Branch.....	23,817 00
For Northwestern Branch, for purchase of sheep, \$500, and improvement of governor's quarters, \$200, making	700 00
For Southern Branch.....	17,650 00
For Central Branch, current expenses.....	81,487 03
For coal-shed and new boiler.....	3,600 00
Total	152,344 03

After careful consideration of the said estimates, the following preamble and resolution were adopted:

It appearing from the report of the president of the board, made pursuant to the by-laws, that he estimates the sum of \$152,344.03 as required to meet the current expenses of the four branches for the ensuing quarter, and for construction and repairs of the several branches: Therefore, be it

Resolved, That the sum of \$152,344 03, be, and is hereby, appropriated for such purposes of the Home, and that Maj. Gen. Benjamin F. Butler be, and is hereby, authorized and empowered to make requisition on the Treasury Department of the United States therefor, and to receive and receipt for same in the name and behalf of the National Home for Disabled Volunteer Soldiers.

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS.

Samuel Howard, public administrator for city and county of Milwaukee, by leave, made a statement as to certain moneys in treasury of Northwestern Branch claimed by Louis Loeser, late Company A, Twenty-sixth Regiment Ohio Volunteers.

General Martindale moved to allow the administrator \$100 out of said funds, as out-door relief for said Louis Loeser; pending which the whole subject was referred to Mr. Gunkel, with instructions to report all the laws and regulations bearing on the case to the board at its next meeting.

The petition of Judge D. A. Haynes, counsel for David Swartzel, for allowance of claim of \$463, for feeding certain cattle, payment of which was refused by Governor Brown, of Central Home, was read, and Colonel Brown and said Swartzel heard in relation to same; and, after some discussion, it was

Resolved, That the sum of \$200 be allowed said David Swartzel, in full settlement of his claim, the same to be paid him by treasurer of Central Home on his giving a full release therefor.

The petitions of William H. Lupkin, late Company G, Twenty-third Massachusetts Volunteers, and Levi Clark, late Company C, Fourth Minnesota Volunteers, for discontinuance of penalty imposed as condition of their re-admission, were considered, and, on motion granted, and both unconditionally re-admitted.

The petition of William Fury, late Company K, Eighth New Jersey Volunteers, for remission of penalty heretofore imposed, is granted, and he admitted unconditionally.

The application of Peter Miller, late Company K, Seventy-second New York Volunteers, for remission of penalty, granted, on condition he perform two months' more service without pay.

For sufficient reasons appearing, three months of penalties imposed on the following are remitted:

Thomas Conolly, late Company A, Sixty-ninth New York Volunteers.

James L. Fruean, late Company D, Twelfth Massachusetts Volunteers.

The applications of the following, for remission of penalties heretofore imposed, are refused—no sufficient reasons appearing for remission or modification of same:

John Ardner, late Company E, Forty-ninth Ohio Volunteers; John B. Thompson, late Company H, Third Ohio Volunteers; James A. Quinlan, late Company A, Eleventh Massachusetts Volunteers; Charles McCay, late Company G, Eleventh Pennsylvania Volunteers; Reasen Willis, late Company H, Second United States Cavalry; Francis Weiland, late Company I, Forty-fifth New York Volunteers.

The petition of Louis C. Heye, an inmate of the Central Home, asking permission to discharge the duties of notary public, receiving a small fee for services performed, was read, and, on motion, referred to Colonel Brown for report therein.

The petition of Peter Meighan, of Northwest Branch, for out-door relief is deemed inadmissible, and refused.

The petition of widow of Andrew McManus, deceased, considered, and the treasurer authorized to pay her the sum of \$56.

Ordered, That transportation be granted Joseph Obermyer, late Company E, First Missouri Cavalry, on condition he pay for same while in the Home, by labor, at usual rates.

On motion, the board then adjourned, to hold its next regular quarterly meeting at the office of the Surgeon-General, in Washington, D. C., on Thursday, December 11, 1873, at 12 o'clock m.

LEWIS B. GUNKEL,

Secretary.

NATIONAL HOME FOR DISABLED VOLUNTEER SOLDIERS. 25

National Home for Disabled Volunteer Soldiers in account with Gen. B. F. Butler, acting treasurer.

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Expenditures.	Amount.	Receipts.	Amount.
1872.			
Dec. 1. To balance due acting treasurer	\$37,752 56	1873. By cash from stoppages and fines, of United States Treasury, under act of March 21, 1865, for quarter ending February 23, 1873	\$103,232 05
To cash paid, as per vouchers duly audited, in carrying on the four branches of the Home for the quarter ending February 23, 1873	146,241 05	By sale of \$110,000 bonds	123,187 50
To cash paid, as per vouchers duly audited, in carrying on the four branches of the Home for the quarter ending May 31, 1873	122,237 10	By interest on bonds	13,706 67
To cash paid, as per vouchers duly audited, in carrying on the four branches of the Home for the quarter ending August 31, 1873	140,564 37	By cash, as above, for quarter ending May 31, 1873	123,354 80
To cash paid, as per vouchers duly audited, in carrying on the four branches of the Home for the quarter ending November 30, 1873	195,651 81	By interest on bonds	15,975 52
Balance	257 22	By cash, as above, for quarter ending August 31, 1873	95,173 15
		By cash, as above, for quarter ending November 30, 1873	82,292 97
		By sale of \$50,000 bonds	51,555 00
		By interest on bonds	21,236 75
	642,764 41		642,764 41

Appropriation by board of managers for quarter ending February 23, 1873	\$152,863 31
Appropriation by board of managers for quarter ending May 31, 1873	164,374 53
Appropriation by board of managers for quarter ending August 31, 1873	154,747 22
Appropriation by board of managers for quarter ending November 30, 1873	152,344 03
Total	624,334 09

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BENJ. F. BUTLER,

Acting Treasurer National Home for Disabled Volunteer Soldiers.

DECEMBER 1, 1873.

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